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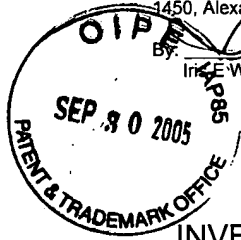
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) : Hui Cheng

TITLE : **A RATE-DISTORTION OPTIMIZATION
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMAGE
COMPRESSION**

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RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication as to the allowance of the present application. However, the applicant wishes to point out a minor error in connection with item 3 on the Notice of Allowability. Presumably, through inadvertence or a typographical mistake, the filing date indicated for the accepted drawings is listed as "29 November 2000." However, Replacement Drawings were, in fact, properly filed on October 1, 2001. It is respectfully requested that these Replacement Drawings be used for publication and/or issuance purposes. For your convenience, an additional copy of the same is provided herewith.

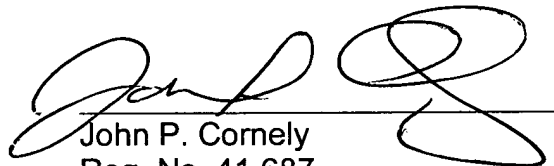
Additionally, applicant does, not acquiesce to the reasons set out in the Statements of Reasons for Allowance. Particularly, the Examiner has indicated that the claims are allowed by importing an interpretation into the claims in relation to the prior art that may place an unwarranted limiting interpretation upon the claims. Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art would not properly take into account the applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the specification. Further, while applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature of the claims is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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